



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: LAKE ABERDEEN PIPELINE PROJECT

Description of Proposal:

This project will install a pipeline from the current pipe at the north end of Lake Aberdeen to the hatchery at the south end of the lake. At the connection point, the 36" pipe will be buried and a siphon pump will be installed. The pipe will then rest on the ground for approximately 1,300 feet, which includes crossing the large wetland at the north end of the lake. Minor clearing and grading is proposed for pipe stability and to keep air trapping at a minimum. Once the edge of the wetland is reached, the pipe will be laid on the bottom of the lake, up to approximately 10 feet below the water's surface. The pipe will be floated onto the lake and sunk with concrete collars. No supports will be placed below or above the water. The pipeline will connect through the dam at the south side of the lake through an existing concrete pipe. The plugs will be removed, the pipe placed, and the gap resealed. The new pipeline will supply the steelhead hatchery with fresh water from the Wynoochee River that is cooler and contains fewer parasites than the lake water.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501; Chris Gourley (360) 902-8392 Chris.Gourley@dfw.wa.gov

Location of Proposal: East of City of Aberdeen, Washington, Grays Harbor County; Sections 1 and 12, Township 17 North, Range 09 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **June 26, 2013**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 11, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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